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FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

NOT LONG ago I visited Fota. I hadn't been there for ages and I really enjoyed myself. The day was fine, but not too warm. We walked around enjoying the antics of the monkeys, the colours of the peacocks and flamingoes, and the grace of the waterfowl on the lake. Of all the animals, however, it was the giraffes which really held my attention. Their height, dignity and obvious sense of superiority fascinated me. I was intrigued, therefore, to come across the following prayer, from a book called 'Prayers of the Ark'. I would like to share it with you.

Prayer of the Giraffe

Lord, I who see the world from above find it hard to get used to its pettiness. I have heard it said you love humble creatures; chatter of apes. It is easier for me to believe in your greatness, I feed on exalted things and I rather like to see myself so close to your Heaven. Humility! chatter of apes. Amen.

Family Prayer Movement

CONSULT YOUR BOOKRACK

To confront the current problems in society today, i.e., depression, drugs, juvenile crime, drink, etc., the Bookrack Committee will make available during October an assortment of booklets to inform and, we hope, help. Parents especially should find these booklets useful, but there will be something for all ages.

More than seven million copies of Fr. Peter Byrne's "Family Prayer Movement" booklets are in circulation worldwide at present.

So come along everyone and have a browse at the bookracks.

FOSTERING APPEAL



The Cork & Ross Family Centre would be interested in hearing from parents who would like to take a young baby straight from hospital into their home for anything for 6 to 12 week period. The babies would be with the family on a short term fostering basis. References would be required from your G.P. and local clergyman in your area.

If interested please phone 273213 or write into the Senior Social Worker, 34 Paul Street.



Points of view

16 Tara Court,
Glasheen Road.

Dear Editor,

Even though not an official member of the Holy Spirit parish, I am a fairly regular reader of your bulletin which I appreciate greatly. I loved the children's contributions at Christmas and Confirmation time. And more recently I was very happy to read, in your September 6th issue, Mr. Paddy Ryan's letter that questioned the Vatican's recommendation to discriminate against homosexual persons.

I would like to add my voice to his, in respectful lay dissent. Paddy Ryan mentioned "those outside". I wonder am I the only one to have noticed the emptying of churches at Sunday Mass? I do not believe I can criticise these absent persons, nor question the honesty and integrity of their motives. I rather wonder whether it is not my or our lay persons' passivity in standing up to the "real" scandals of established church exclusion, prejudice, intolerance which may have driven or kept "outside" many would-be faithful.

I would also like very much to express total support and approval for Luke's Media Comment in the same issue. He was reflecting on the possibility of ecumenical Eucharistic celebration and the legalistic spirit that hinders it. If "war is too important to be left to Generals", perhaps the Eucharist is even more so, too important to be left to (canon) lawyers or

even to theologians. Would it be very presumptuous to suggest that if it was left to the people to vote upon, all objections would be overcome and it would be passed. Democracy may not be advocated in the Gospels, but neither is it condemned.

Yours sincerely,
Madeline MacNamara

Alton,
Wilton Road

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Ó Dubhtaigh's letter of bulletin dated September 13 on the issue of the Vatican statement on discrimination against homosexuals,

- 1) Must all teachers, applying for a post, have the nurturing or inculcating of the faith as part of their curriculum vitae?
- 2) Is there any proof that a homosexual teacher is liable to advocate a similar path for his/her students, eg., in a chemistry class?
- 3) If teachers do naturally nurture their own differing attitudes in their students, then must we now ask of them not only to be heterosexual but also to be flawless?

Paddy Ryan

CHURCH MICE

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN IF THE
CHURCHES UNITE?

WE'LL HAVE TO MIX
WITH ALL THOSE
DREADFUL MICE FROM
SAINT RUDOLPH'S!





COMMISSION FOR THE LAITY

ON SEPTEMBER 11 and 12, I attended the A.G.M. of the Laity Commission, as representative for the Dioceses of Cork & Ross, at Donamon Pastoral Centre in Co. Roscommon.

Almost the entire meeting was given over to a study of the newly-published Green Paper on Education: 'Education for a Changing World'.

Prof. John Coolahan paid tribute to the Irish educational system as it stands. Education, he emphasised, is for people. People's circumstances alter in a fast-changing world. He feels it is timely that we set the new structures in place.

Many concerns were expressed. The emphasis on academic achievement, management of funds, quality and training of the Boards of Management, fear that the disadvantaged could be

further marginalised, the role and responsibility of the churches, training and suitability of teachers and the necessity of dealing with stress among teachers.

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THE MESSAGE coming from the meeting is, PLEASE read the Green Paper (a lengthy presentation); it is too important a document to leave entirely to the professionals. Read it, discuss it. Individually. In groups. Let the Minister for Education know your views. This is the time for reflection and debate, before the publication of the White Paper leading to legislation. Keep an open mind. But respond to the challenge and the opportunity you are being offered.

Pat Lemasney

Rest In Peace

We pray for the late RITA BARRETT of Bendemeer Park, who died suddenly. Rita lived alone since the death of her sister, but her door was always open to her relatives and neighbours. We offer our sympathy to her brother, in-laws, nephews and neices.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to IRENE RICHMOND, Bishopstown Avenue, on the death of her sister.

DON'T MISS OUT!

- Meet Joe Mac of 'The Dixies' fame.
 - A visit to Taizé.
 - The Ministry of Letter-writing.
 - Are videos harmful?
 - "Compulsory celibacy" is a misleading term, says Fr. Bill Clarke
 - "Prudent and courageous elders should step down, and give the nation's young people a chance", says Dick Cross.
 - Visit an "oasis of hope" in Cork city centre.
- ALL THIS, AND MORE IN THE OCTOBER 'FOLD' on sale at all Masses next weekend



New Local CONCERN Group

A meeting to set up a local CONCERN group will be held in the C.P. Centre at 9.00 p.m. on Thursday, 1st October. Please come and support us. Everyone welcome.

Liturgy Group

Meeting at 8.10 p.m. in the C.P. Centre on Monday night, 28th.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc.

Monthly meeting will take place on Thursday next, 1st October, in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

First Friday

Next Friday, 2nd October, is the First Friday of the month. Calls to the sick and housebound on the usual days. Confessions on Thursday at 8 p.m.

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Youth Club has recommenced on Friday nights, 6-8 p.m. in the Crypt. All members, new and old, welcome. Age 12-18 years.

Gala Fashion Show

At Mount Mercy College on Wednesday, 30th September at 8 p.m. Tickets £5 adults, £3 students and O.A.Ps. Spot prizes, refreshments and gifts.

TAKE Note

A Reminder

Don't forget to bring the names of your emigrants to Mass next weekend, as suggested in last week's bulletin.

Attention, Ladies!

Any lady at home who would like to come to the C.P. Centre on a weekday morning to form a group on individual interests, such as gardening, cooking, flower arranging, etc., please contact Frances at 541878.

Ladies of all ages welcome.

C.I.E. Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday, 18th October, departing at 7 a.m. Price £21 includes breakfast and dinner. Details in church porches, or from J.C. Hennessy, phone 506976.

Cork Association for the Deaf

Wish to thank parishioners for their generosity at the recent church gate collection.

Glor na nGael

At the G.A.A. Bishopstown on Wednesday nights.

SET DANCING commencing 20th September from 9-10.30p.m. Fee £1.50.

IRISH CLASSES commencing 7th October from 8-9.30 p.m. Fee £25 (ten week duration). Information - tel. 961222 after 3 p.m.

Enrolments on Wednesday, 30th September, 8-9p.m. at the G.A.A. The A.G.M. will be held in the G.A.A. on Tuesday, 29th September at 8.30p.m. New members are welcomed.

John Player Tops

A meeting of groups interested in taking part in the above competition will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 1st at the Office Bar, Sullivan's Quay.

**PRIESTS' EMERGENCY
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